**Holding of MD Examination to J & K**

1922. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the examination for MD classes have not been held in J & K for the last 2 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this practice is leading to dearth of senior doctors;

(c) whether Governmeont are considering any proposal for holding the examination in J & K; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA-DEVI SIDDHARTHA); (a) to (d) A statement containing the information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is attached.

**Statement**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The entrance examination for making selection of eligible candidates for undergoing Post-graduate courses (MD/MS) in different disciplines could not be held in thet State of Jammu & Kashmir during the years 1990 and 1991 because of pendency of court cases challenging the Government notification governing such selections and also the selection for the session 1989. The clubbed writ petitions were disposed of by the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir by a judgement on 18.7.1990, which was subsequently challenged by the aggrieved candidates. All appeals afainst the said judgement dated 18.7.1990 have been disposed Of by the High Court on 27.9.1991. The State Government is actively considering the steps for conducting the entrance examination through the competent authority.

**Medical aid to all**

1923. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have urged the private sector to assist the public sector medical institutions to provide medical aid to maxmum. number of people;

(b) if so, the details of the private sector units identified for providing medical aid to public sector medical institutions; and

(c) what is the extent to which the participation by private sector in the field is likely to help achieve the goal of Health to all by 2000 A.D. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K-THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (!b). The Delhi Administration has introduced a system whereby patients from the economically weaker sections are referred for sophisticated tests to private diagnostic centres who have availed custom duty exemption while importing concerned equipment. Further, private hospitals' nursing homes availing of concessional land allotment by Delhi Administration have been enjoined to provide a certain quota of their IPD/ OPD services to the poorer patients as per terms of land allotment.

(c) Participation by the private sector, including voluntary agencies and non-governmental organisations in health care programmes would contribute towards the achievement of the goal.

**Population growth**

1924- SHRI DHULESHWAR. MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have studied the world bank' Report 'World popula-